

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I, claims 2-3 (drawn to an apparatus containing a kinematic linkage, classified in class 226, subclass 163); and Group II, claims 9 and 27 (drawn to an apparatus containing an attachment plate comprising an adjustment collar having a lock arm, classified in class 226, subclass 196.1). Claims 10-14 and 28-32 will be examined with the elected group. Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 2-3, drawn to an apparatus containing a kinematic linkage, along with claims 10-14 and 28-32 (which the Examiner has stated will be examined with the elected group), as well as claims 1, 4-8, and 15-26, for examination herein, as shown in the following set of pending claims. The Examiner has failed to properly address the group restriction for claims 1, 4-8, and 15-26, so Applicant has assumed that claims 1, 4-8, and 15-26 will also be examined with the elected Group I claims. For example, claim 1 is necessary in order to properly examine elected claims 2-3. Accordingly, claims 9 and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional, continuation, and/or continuation-in-part applications covering the non-elected claims from Group II.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance,

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the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview before issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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